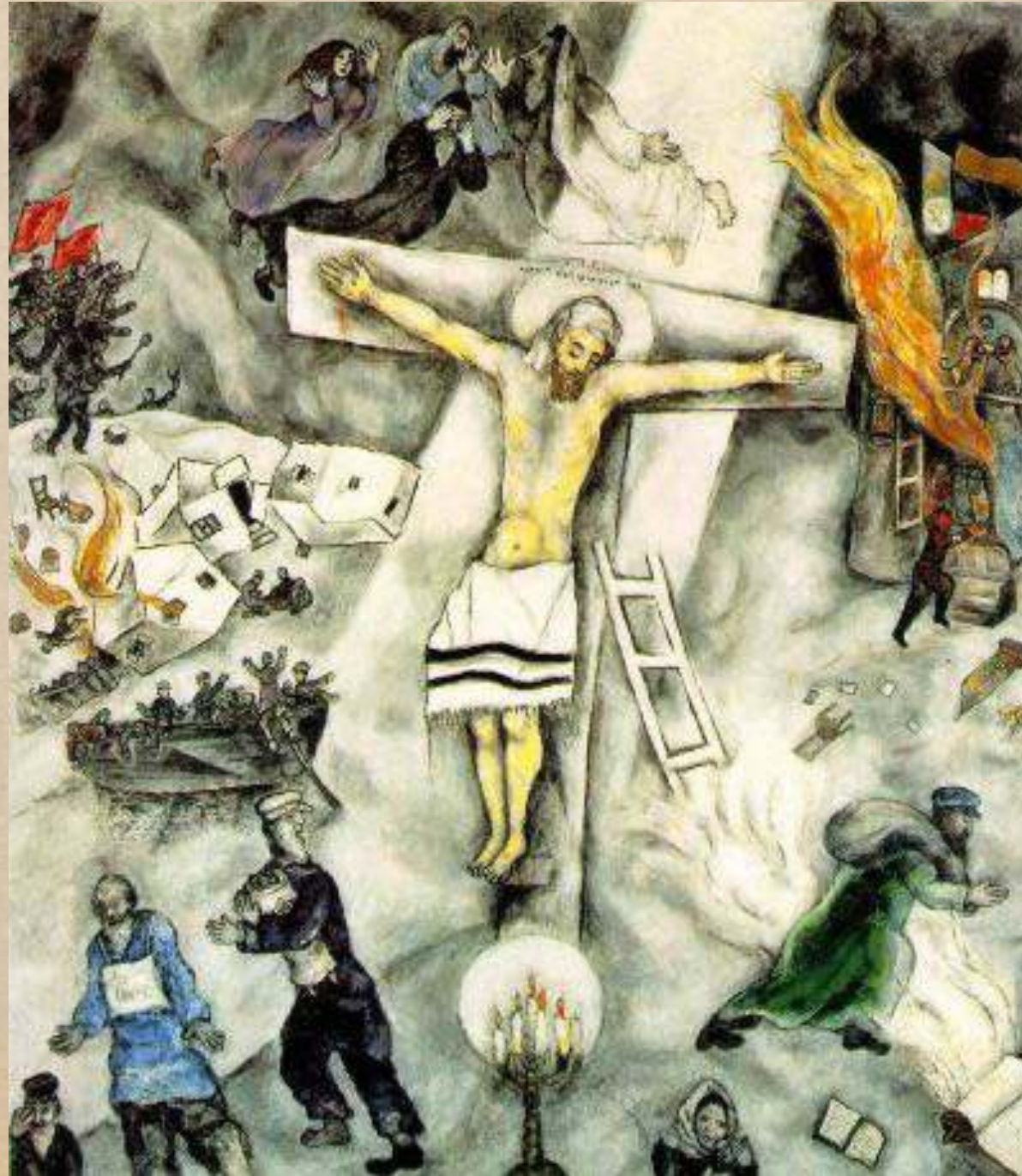


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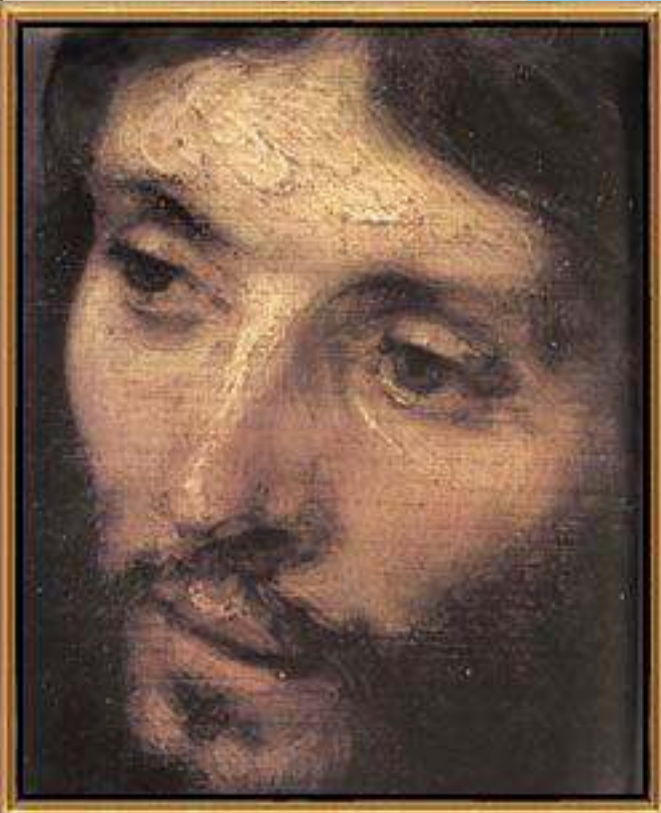
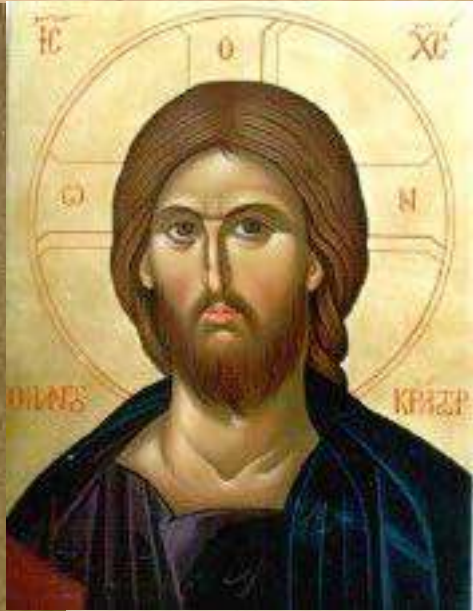
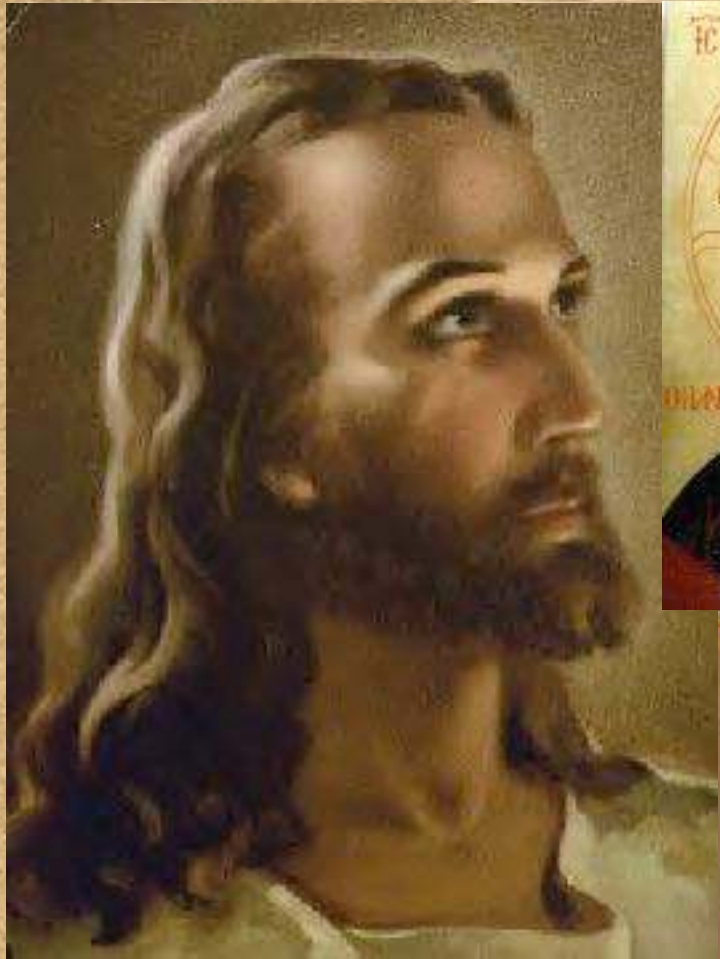
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Lecture Six:  
What Kind of a Jew Was Jesus?









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Nazarene  
Baptist  
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Enochian



# Notes and Readings

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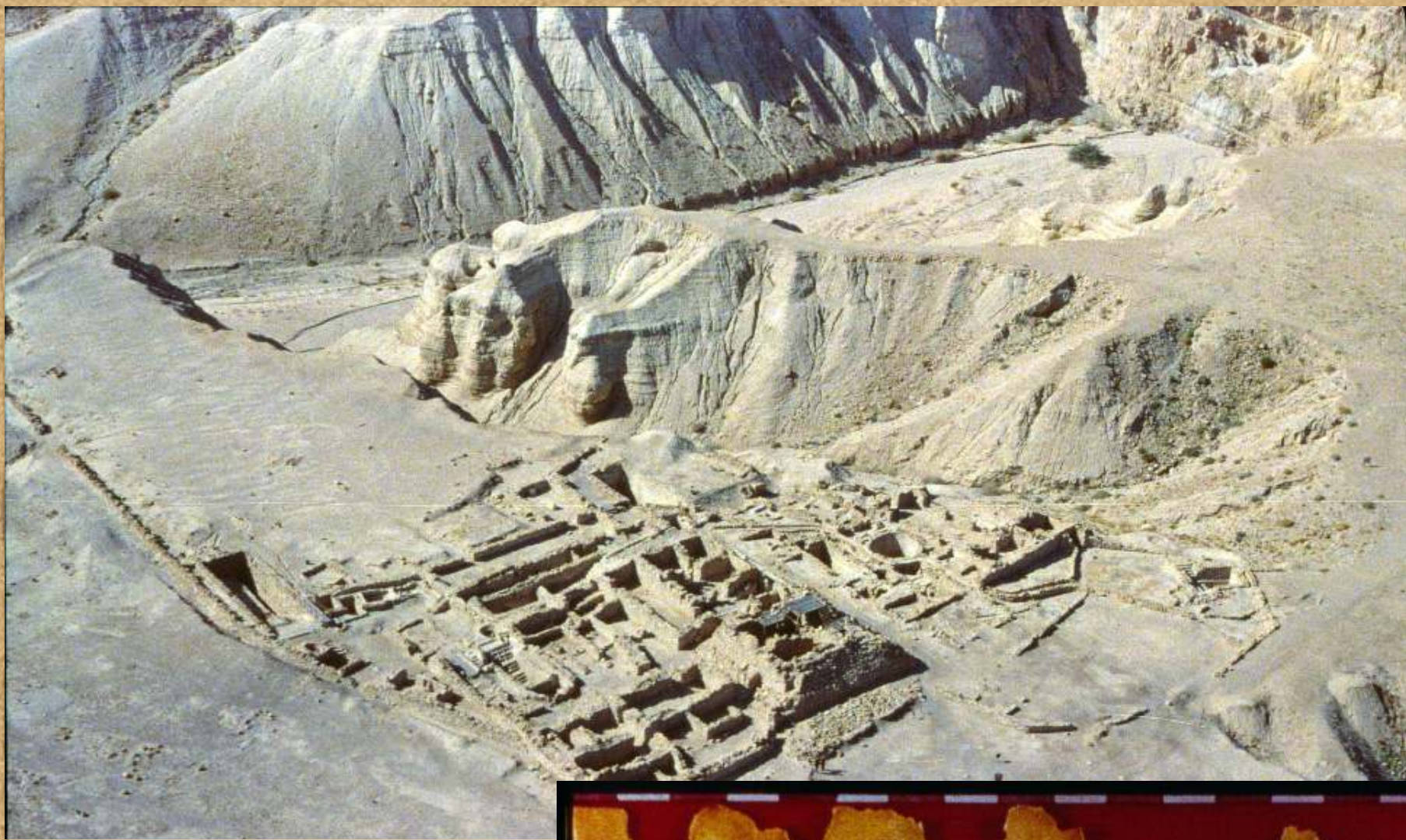
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What Kind of a Jew Was Jesus in the Light of Qumran?





Handwritten text in Hebrew script, likely a manuscript or a page from a book. The text is arranged in two columns and is written in a cursive style. The paper is aged and shows significant damage, including large, irregular holes and stains, particularly along the top edge. The text appears to be a religious or historical document, possibly related to the Great Sphinx or the Great Pyramids, given the context of the image above.



Four Revolutionary Emphases from the  
Torah, Prophets, and Psalms:

E.g., Deuteronomy 30:6; Isaiah 66:2; Psalm 51 & 103

1) Inside vs. the outside, God sees the heart  
Cuts through all externals, race, gender, ethnic identity, religious  
strictures

2) Grace & Forgiveness  
Good Samaritan, Who is a Sinner? Adulterous woman, Widow's  
mite, Two Men Praying in the Temple

3) What God really wants?  
Go learn what this mean—"I desire mercy not sacrifice"

4) Intimacy with the Creator  
Your heavenly father knows...



Christology in the Making: The Dynamics  
of late 2nd Temple Jewish Messianism





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# Jesus, John the Baptizer, and 4Q521

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# 'Jesus Dynasty': Were There Two Messiahs?

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Israel remains a land of holiness and of controversy -- and not just in political terms.

Almost by the month, religious scholars and historians propose a new way of understanding the life and impact of Jesus Christ. In his new book "The Jesus Dynasty," James Tabor is the latest addition to this hotly contested catalog.

Tabor, a historian with the Religious Studies Department at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, has spent his entire career studying the life of Jesus. He says his new book is the culmination of 40 years of research.

"I first traveled to the Holy Land with my parents over 40 years ago," Tabor told "Nightline." "It was that experience that set me on my lifelong quest for the historical Jesus."

His conclusions are certain to provoke intense controversy and skepticism among other scholars and followers of the Christian faith. Tabor argues the historical evidence shows that Jesus had a human father, and that he was joined by a fellow messiah.

We took Tabor back to where it all started, the city of Jerusalem, to assess the major claims in his book.



# Prophet & Two Messiahs

1QS:

Col VIII: And when these become members of the Community in Israel according to all these rules, they shall separate from the habitation of ungodly men and shall go into the wilderness to prepare the way of Him, as it is written, "Prepare in the wilderness the way ... make straight in the desert a path for our God..."

Col IX: This is the time for the preparation of the way in the wilderness...

Col IX.10ff: They shall depart from one of the counsels of the Torah to walk in all the stubbornness of their hearts, but shall be ruled by the primitive precepts in which the men of the Community were first instructed until there shall come the Prophet and the Messiahs of Aaron and Israel.

Dead Sea Scroll text of Malachi 3:1

Therefore, b[e]hold, I send [my] mes[senger, and he shall prepare] the way before me: and they will suddenly come to [his] te[m]ple, the Lor[d, whom you seek and the messenger of the co[venant, whom y]ou desire; behold, he himself comes, says the LORD of ho[sts. 2 But] who can endure them; they come?

John 1:19 And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 He confessed, he did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the MESSIAH." 21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you ELIJAH?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the THE PROPHET?" And he answered, "No." 22 They said to him then, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."



Genesis 49:10-12	Shiloh
Numbers 24:15-17	Star/Scepter
Deuteronomy 18:15-18	Prophet like Moses (Numbers 12:6-8)
Isaiah 2 and Micah 4:1-4	General Sketch of Kingdom of God
Daniel 2, 7, 9, 11-12	Dreams and Visions: Specifics
Isaiah 24-27	General Apocalyptic Sketch
Zechariah 14	Final Battle for Jerusalem
Jeremiah 31	New Covenant Restoration
Isaiah 8:16-9:7	Davidic Ruler
Isaiah 11	Davidic Branch
Micah 5:2-5	Davidic Ruler
Jeremiah 23:5-8	Davidic Branch
Jeremiah 33	Davidic Branch
Zechariah 3:1-5	Priest Messiah and Branch
Zechariah 4	Adon (Lord) and Two Messiahs
Zechariah 6:9-14	Branch & Priest Messiah
Malachi 3:1-4	Adon/Messenger
Malachi 4:4-5	Elijah the Prophet
Isaiah 42:1-4	Servant Song
Isaiah 49:1-6	Servant Song
Isaiah 50:4-11	Servant Song
Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Servant Song
Isaiah 61:1-4	Anointed One
Zechariah 9:9-10	King on Donkey
Zechariah 12	Pierced One
Psalm 2	King/Son on Zion
Psalm 110	Adon/Priest at Right Hand
Psalm 118:21-22	Rejected Stone/Cornerstone